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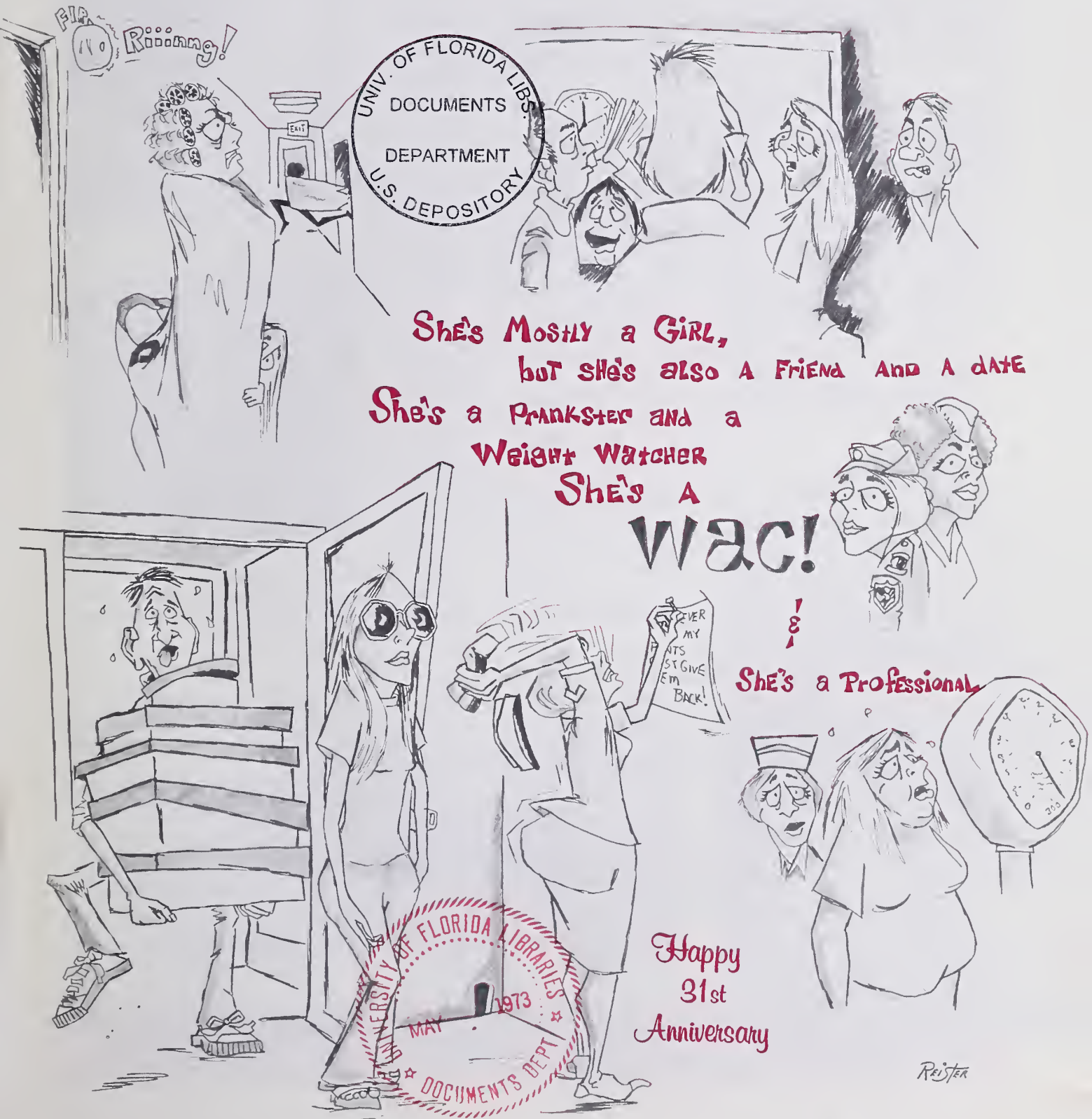
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*Although the following editorial was written before the official cease fire was announced in Vietnam, its words still draw an image many of us know well.*

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**Our Cover**—The Women's Army Corps has changed in many ways during its 31 year history—but life in the barracks is probably still the same. Our cover, by SP4 Rick Reister, shows the lighter side of a WAC's life, but our story on page 8 tells the "brighter" side.

Tomorrow morning while you are brushing your teeth, look at the mirror and take a good look at a bona fide hero, serving to protect our Nation. It surely isn't the same picture you would get of yourself if you take the image from the picture tube of your television or the front page of your newspaper.

As the unpopular Southeast Asia war winds down, we know its unpopularity has rubbed off substantially on the military—deserved or not, our reputation has suffered. The average American doesn't stop to realize that the military doesn't establish national policy; rather we serve the policy established by the national civilian leaders we helped select.

Further, in peacetime we're often taken for granted—a phenomenon that has been described as the "paradox of successful deterrence." We have done our job so well in the past that people now question whether we ever had to do it in the first place. You and I know the answer to that—but there are many who don't.

This isn't anything new—I've seen it twice before—history tells us these things are cyclic—that they are a natural and predictable consequence of winding down a war such as Vietnam. So there is no reason to be discouraged—only a reason to be challenged.

You are in the cycle at a time when you can do all kinds of good. If you are the right kind of people, you can speed up the reaction. What does it take to be the right kind of person? That's not too tough to answer. You have to be someone who wants to do better—who will work at achieving his own maximum potential and help to move the entire team toward that same goal.

They are the kind of people who recognize that the social concerns of drug and alcohol abuse, prejudice or bigotry, get in the way of doing better, and so root them out of their lives. The right kind of person knows the job and does it better every time.

The results that kind of person achieves will turn around public image—bring into proper focus the current distorted picture—enhance the security of this great Nation.

Tomorrow morning, while you are brushing your teeth, look at the mirror—do you see the right kind of person?

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# New Library Named for ASA Soldier



Mr. James T. Davis and photo of son.



BG Armstrong cuts the ribbon, officially opening Davis Library while BG McFadden and Mr. James T. Davis look on. Photos by SP5 Reggie Warren.

The dedication of Davis Library at Ft. Devens, MA, took place in mid-February. The new recreation facility was named in honor of Specialist 4 James T. Davis, the first American soldier killed in the Vietnam conflict, over 11 years before a formal peace was negotiated.

SP4 Davis served with the 3d Radio Research Unit in Vietnam from May 1961 until December 22, 1961, the day of his death.

SP4 Davis served with the 3d RA-USA School Brigade to the Ft. Devens Memorialization Board for consideration in naming the new library. The Board selected SP4 Davis. This was a particularly appropriate tribute as SP4 Davis had previously been assigned to Ft. Devens for his Advanced Individual Training and later as an instructor at the Training Center and School from August 1960 until May 1961. During that time, he was extremely active in all library programs and made extensive use of the post library facilities.

Present for the dedication ceremony were Brigadier General George L. McFadden, deputy commanding general of ASA, Brigadier General DeWitt C. Armstrong, III, commanding general Ft. Devens, and Mr. James C. Davis of Livingston, Tennessee, the father of SP4 Davis.

The ceremony consisted of speeches,

a formal ribbon cutting, and the ASA School Brigade Heritage Singers rendition of "America Our Heritage". BG McFadden and Mr. Davis unveiled the Commemorative Plaque in the foyer of the new library. Other participants in the ceremony were the Honor Guard and the 14th Continental Army, units of the ASA School Brigade American Heritage Association.

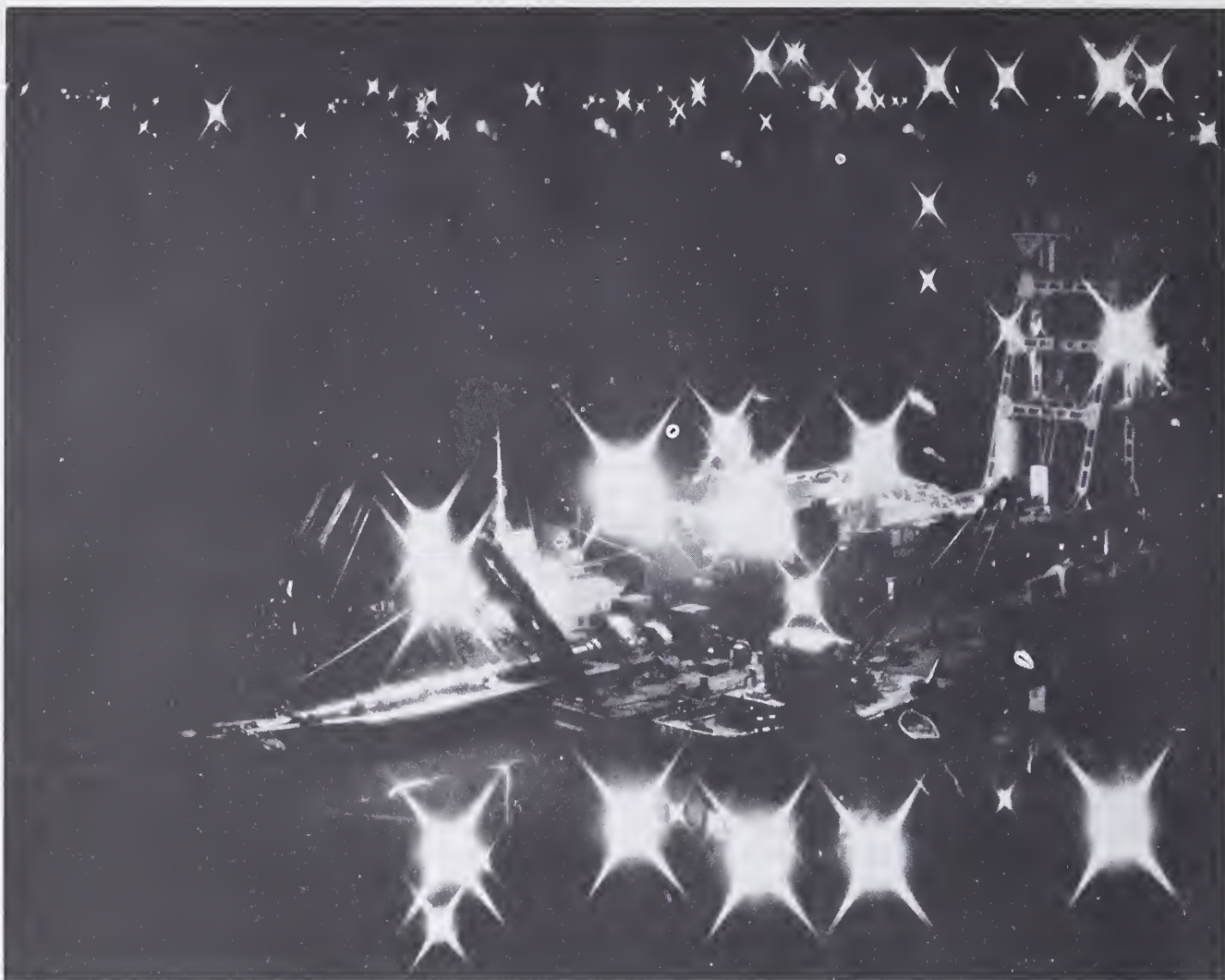
The new one-story facility, constructed of red brick and completely carpeted, has enough shelf space for 40,000 volumes. There is also a separate study room and a private parking lot.

The Davis Library replaces the one that has been in use since 1949. It is under the direction of Miss Josephine Weaver, post librarian, who has been associated with the post library since 1958.

The library now stands named after an ASA man, the first American soldier killed in Vietnam.

Davis Library—an outside and inside view





## JOIN THE PHOTO CLIQUE TORII STATION FLASHES!

**C**amera action at Torii Station was recently rewarded in the Torii Station Photography Contest, the first in a series of coordinated Special Services projects for the US Army Security Agency Field Station, Sobe.

Prizes were awarded in five categories: people, landscape, candid, special effects and best of show. Winners included CTT3 Michael W. "Mich" Gillespie in "People"; SP4 James Long in "Landscape"; SP5 Dwain Tilden in "Candid" and "Special Effects"; and JO2 Chris Christensen in "Best of Show".

"The photo contest was one of the finest programs that I have had the pleasure to attend in sometime," commented Mrs. Janet Leary, USARBCO Director of Service Clubs.

Emmert Fike, Director of the Sukiran Craft shop, Ray-

mond Yanachika, USARBCO Staff Director of Libraries, and Robert Batting, Director of the Torii Station Craft shop served as judges for the event.

The idea of a photo contest limited to Torii Station personnel was first conceived by Joe Buelna, Torii Station Librarian. Prizes, judges and arrangements were coordinated through the efforts of Batting and Mrs. Gragg, Director of the Torii Station Service Club.

Photography is big business in Sobe, with island-wide contests held annually. Plans are currently being made for quarterly contests at Torii Station.

Why don't you do something snappy? Try photography since "one picture is worth a thousand words."



## The Big Shots

*Amateur photography is a favorite national and international pastime. The hours spent studying the techniques needed for a good shot are certainly worth it when the results art printed.*

*Torii Station winners were there at the right time and the right place. Shutters snapped and here's what happened.*

*Landscape (above)—James D. Long  
People (right)—CTT3 Michael W.  
"Mich" Gillespie*

*Candid (top right)—Dwain D. Tilden  
Special Effects (left)—Dwain D. Tilden*

*Unfortunately we do not have JO2 Christensen's award-winning photo.*



**College credit**—can be received for Army Security courses taught at the USASA Training Center and School.

A list of unclassified courses taught at TC&S has been submitted to the American Council on Education.

Each course may be evaluated for possible college credit recommendations. A course is evaluated only when an individual submits a request through the institution he plans to attend.

This institution should then request a credit evaluation from the American Council on Education. The council cannot forward its recommendation until an official request is received from the institution.

A wide range of courses have been properly accredited so far. Included in the list is the electronics maintenance course, morse code course, ASA Officer Career Course and the cryptologic specialist course. For specific individual determination of credits, individuals should have their institution contact the Commission on Accreditation of Service Expenses of the American Council on Education, Suite 828, One Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036.



**Whatcha got there?** Think that the sleezy looking fella over there could be a hijacker? What about that lady with the glassy eyes? Everyone's looking for potential hijackers and the search includes you.

If you are about to become a passenger on a military aircraft or any aircraft under contract with the Air Force, be prepared to be exposed to strict hijacking security procedures.

In addition to inspecting hand carried luggage (including ladies and gents handbags), all passengers will be subjected to personal screening before boarding the aircraft.

Officials have pointed out that the air terminal is no place for hijacking and bomb jokes. Fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment up to five years can be levied for a willful or malicious false report regarding the damaging or destruction of civil aircraft.

**Before you go**—think twice, for you could be leaving some of those nice veterans bennies behind.

Veterans planning to travel or establish residence overseas may be forfeiting some privileges. Medical care is available overseas only to veterans with service connected disabilities who are American citizens. Eligible veterans should apply to the American embassy or consular office in the host country.

Before traveling outside the United States a veteran should ask for a statement of his service connected conditions from the VA office which has his medical record. The embassy or consular office will want to see this before granting medical privileges in its country. A veteran can receive VA paid emergency treatment if the embassy

receives notification within 72 hours after hospitalization.

If you're a veteran and you're enjoying travelling abroad, the VA suggests you keep an outside mailing address to make sure that you receive your monthly check.



**From Rags to Riches**—Opportunities to begin at the bottom and end up at the top didn't end with Horatio Alger. Recently discharged veterans can have a go at it, too.

Vietnam era veterans attempting to go into small business may be able to take advantage of liberal loan policies made available by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Vets who have served any time after October 1964 are eligible for the loans if they cannot obtain suitable loans from a bank without meeting unreasonable terms. "Unreasonable terms" are not defined, but an SBA spokesman said as an example that it would be rough for a person coming out of the Service to repay a large loan over a three year period at high interest rates.

The SBA can make loans of up to \$50,000 with collateral requirements of as low as 10 to 15 percent. The vet can take up to 15 years to repay the loan at low interest rates if he wishes.

There's help on the way—The SBA provides a Management Assistance Program to help fledgling businessmen. Over 3,000 retired and active executives in various fields have volunteered to help veterans start on the right foot.

The Management Assistance Program tries to get a veteran to team up with an experienced person from the same field.

These loans may be used any time after a person leaves the service. They may be used to expand business opportunities as well as start them. Applicants for the loan can be sole proprietors, partners or corporations.

**You're worth it**—Performance appraisals just happen to be one of those unwanted necessities. But the Civil Service Commission is trying to better the system.

To improve performance rating systems, the CSC will consider incorporating such matters as placing more emphasis on the results of employee efforts as a means of evaluating performance, joint goal setting between employees and supervisor, highlighting achievements of employees, a provision for training needs and increasing the use of performance review information in personnel decisions.

Many performance appraisals are after-the-fact reports based on personal traits and characteristics. Frequently they contribute little to improving performance or individual development. Various approaches will be tried out at selected workshops.

# For Those Who Speak with Foreign Tongues

**W**hile boldly colored Army recruiting posters suggest travel, adventure and foreign intrigue, these bennies aren't there simply for the asking. But, if you're endowed with an ability to learn quickly and adapt to new situations, the job you want may be within reach.

Opportunities for trained linguists in the Army Security Agency enable some individuals to do more than bide their time in the Army. New policies allow for additional training which can increase a linguist's proficiency or allow him to switch direction and possibly become multi-lingual.

To better prepare for future needs, the Army Security Agency has divided its language requirements into three categories: high, medium and low density. The category into which each language is placed is determined by the:

- number of MOS 98G authorizations in the language,
- distributions of these authorizations between CONUS and overseas,
- grade level of the billets.

All languages placed in the highest category are those that will clearly sustain a language career based on a favorable combination of these three factors. The five languages placed in this category comprise about 85 percent of our linguist requirements.

Languages placed in the medium density category will also support a career but only for a limited number of linguists.

The languages in the low density category will not sustain a career in MOS 98G.

## What this means to you

Additional language training is the all important factor. Career linguists should expect to receive this training early in their careers to enable them to climb the ladder of success. Training in intermediate levels of a particular language or study of a new language will enhance one's professional and personal achievement.

If a careerist's present language is in the high density category, the individual should attend intermediate level training in the same language.

Those in the medium density category may either cross train into a high density language or attend an intermediate course at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in the same language. If a linguist decides to cross train into another language, he will attend basic training in the language, followed by a field utilization tour and then will return to the DLI for intermediate training.

Linguists in the low density category should switch to a high density language.

Anyone who is considering additional training should:

- possess MOS 98 G,
- have completed at least one utilization tour in his present language
- meet the time in service requirements for attendance at DLI. (See AR 611-6).

## Speak up

Training is mainly on a volunteer basis, but if individuals do not make known their training desires, they should expect eventual reassignment to DLI for training selected by HQUSASA. Linguists who are presently overseas may apply for an adjustment in their availability dates in order to attend a specific course if they've completed at least five sixths of their overseas tour.

A letter from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, HQUSASA further explaining ASA's language program has been sent to all units.

Specifics such as languages placed in each category, DLI schedules and advanced training programs for the most highly qualified career linguists are explained in more detail.

The letter, IAPER-TS, dated March 6, 1973, is entitled "USASA Language Management Program". Read it, it will assist you in your career planning.

# ASA Sergeant Digs Our National Heritage



SGT Rodgers explains the significance of excavated prehistoric artifacts.

by SP5 Phil Ray

**D**id you ever pick up an arrowhead and wonder who made it and when? Or maybe you stumbled across "archeologist" and wondered if all they did was dig holes in the ground, looking for bones. There's a new organization on Ft. Hood that is answering these questions and many more, and having a good time doing it.

The Ft. Hood Archeological Society was created by a group of enthusiasts who wanted to discover the cultures of prehistory Central Texas. Among the originators is Sergeant James B. Rodgers of the 371st ASA Company who is currently serving as the Society's Vice-President. SGT Rodgers received his Bachelors degree in archeology from Arizona State University, and is presently working on his Masters'.

SGT Rodgers' interest in archeology began while he was on a hunting trip. He happened upon an artifact and hoping to trace its origin, with a little prodding from an archeology Ph.D., decided to enroll in a few courses on the subject.

The Society was established as an amateur organization, under the Ft. Hood Special Services, to make cultural interpretations of the many prehistoric artifacts found in the Central Texas area. In doing so, the Society has brought statewide recognition to both itself and the Ft. Hood area. It has managed this by participating in several conferences in the Texas area.

Although an amateur organization, the FHAS is proud of its high standards of professionalism. Since careless handling of an archeological site can cause serious damage not only to the artifacts, but also to the natural surroundings of the site, new members are shown basic techniques in handling the artifacts and in noting the layout of the site so that when the project is finished the land can be restored as closely as possible to its original condition.

The Society has studied several sites on Ft. Hood, and is presently working a site on the private property of one of the members, just southwest of Copperas Cove, TX.

The Central Texas area is known to have been inhabited as early as approximately 9000 B.C., and sites studied by the Ft. Hood group ranged from 4000 B.C. to 1000 A.D. These sites have included hunting, burial and habita-

tional areas. By analyzing these finds, the society is able to learn more about prehistoric Central Texas. This analysis gives the FHAS the distinction of being the only organization sponsored by the Ft. Hood Special Services that conducts actual research.

SGT Rodgers feels that persons that are interested in archeology needn't have a degree or a background in archeology. Out of a total of 26 people in the still growing group (seven are ASA), there are only four or five with any education in archeology. But experience in fields such as photography, geology, botany, topography and even liberal arts provide much needed assistance to the group. According to SGT Rodgers, this variety gives the organization a great advantage over a purely academic organization, in which interests are generally limited to anthropology alone.

So here's to our Close-up, a man who has helped create an excellent organization for people curious about the past, and who enjoys investigating mysteries, leading to better cultural understanding, plus an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors.



Members of the FHAS measure the exact location of a find, demonstrating one of the techniques in handling artifacts. Photos by 1SG Jack Parker, 13th Signal BN



# pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Doing his thing at the Torii Station main gate, PFC Hula Vaughn, Headquarters and Service Company, stops traffic, allowing pedestrians to cross safely (Photo by PFC William Bowdler)

## Okinawa

**FS Sobe**—Okinawan school children from Furugen Primary School, Yomitan-Son, Okinawa, recently presented a paper floral arrangement to an MP on duty, in appreciation for the efforts made by the MPs concerning traffic control at the entrance gates to FS Sobe.

While Specialist 4 Michael Flesher, Headquarters and Service Company, was on duty a mini-bus filled with Okinawan school children stopped by the main gate and two children and their teacher got out and went to SP4 Flesher presenting the floral arrangement to him.

The multi-colored floral arrangement, prepared by the students as a school project, was presented with a card addressed to Traffic Control Team, Torii Station, from Nursing Staff, Furugen Kindergarten. The card states, "We are heartily grateful to you for your contribution to the promotion of traffic safety."

During the Yomitan-Son Community Relations meeting for November, Mr. Tsuyoshi Iha, Principal, Furugen Primary School, expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the

MPs of Torii Station concerning traffic safety. Mr. Iha hopes their efforts will continue.

Sergeant First Class William Houston, Military Police NCOIC, stated that the Torii MPs halt all motor vehicle traffic because an adult driver will understand the stop signal given by the MPs; whereas, a child may not recognize the meaning of the signal. This is done to allow the children to cross the drive into Torii safely and to prevent traffic mishaps.

**FS Sobe**—Sergeant Gary L. Wells, Co. B, was awarded the USO Council of Japan Certificate of Recognition as Torii Station Representative to the 10th Annual Gold Plate Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Japan. In order to be selected as Post Representative, SGT Wells won the title of Torii Station Soldier of the Year, 1972.

## Germany

**FS Augsburg**—Specialist 5 James C. Renton, A Co., has been awarded the Soldier's Medal by President Nixon. The medal was presented by Colonel John C. O'Connor, Field Station Commander.

SP5 Renton, a Houston native, distinguished himself while serving as charge of quarters in Company A on May 10, 1972.

On that day he discovered a fire in the basement of the troop billets. After notifying the fire department, and directing the evacuation of troops, he went to the basement to survey the fire. Seeing that it was raging only one meter from the arms room, Renton, disregarding his personal safety, entered the room with a fire extinguisher and began fighting the fire.

Although overcome by smoke three times, Renton continued his fight until the fire was brought under control.

His citation read, "Specialist Renton's heroism, at great personal risk, was an inspiration to all who were affected by his actions and reflect great credit on him and the United States Army."

## Virginia

**Arlington Hall Station**—The Army Security Agency was among four major Army organizations to receive Commendation Awards in December for outstanding achievement in reduction of costs through Value Engineering (VE).

The awards were presented by Army Comptroller, Lieutenant General John M. Wright, Jr., in a ceremony at the Pentagon. LTG Wright had over-all responsibility for the Army Value Engineering Program until his retirement.

Brigadier General George L. McFadden, deputy commander, received the award for ASA. The Agency received six contractor-initiated VE change proposals and originated 19 in-house proposals that resulted in FY 72 savings to the Army of \$4.7 million, more than 472 percent of their goal.

SP4 Sherry J. Vickers, below, a collection operator, was one of the first WACs with an operational MOS at VHFS. PV2 June Willey, bottom left, vies with an unidentified student during training at TC&S. Smiling SP4 Cheryl Bell, bottom right, seems to enjoy her work at Ft. Bragg.

## More Than a Year

“The future holds great promise. Our horizons are constantly widening,” commented Brigadier General Mildred C. Bailey, Director of the Women’s Army Corps, on the Corps’ 31st anniversary (May 14).

The Army Security Agency WAC finds this statement to be true from basic training through retirement. Since WACs have been allowed to enlist directly in the Agency for more than a year, many have experienced a position unusual and unique, both for the Agency and the WAC.

Women are thinking more about fulfilling careers and taking advantage of newly enacted equal opportunity laws and ASA is giving them a chance to put their thoughts into action.

Sergeant First Class Betty Pruet explains the practical side of the Agency to ASA women while they are still in basic training at Ft. McClellan, AL. She touches on experiences, good and bad, funny and embarrassing, which involve WACs and the men they soldier with.

The ASA WAC might be an “ASA WAC in a crowd of WACs”, that is, she might perform SFC Pruet’s role. She is the only WAC counselor at Ft. McClellan, where all WACs attend



# of Service Proves ASA WACs Are Professionals

basic training. Her duties include informing the new WACs about the army and the Agency in general. She tries to present a worldwide view of the Agency as she answers questions.

More than 100 ASA women at Ft. McClellan are turning to SFC Pruett for answers to questions about what is going to happen to them, now that they are officially in the Agency. What a variety of answers she must have! Sergeant Pruett hears comments from the women in basic training that range from gripes about inspection and lumpy beds to questions about college opportunities and birth control.

Unlike Sergeant Pruett, the WAC also might find herself in an opposite set of circumstances—a WAC alone in a crowd of men. This version proves to be fun, according to Specialist 4 Cheryl Bell of Ft. Bragg, NC, who found herself in that situation last fall.

Vivacious Specialist Bell, who divides her work day between the communications center and the adjutant's office, is the lone WAC in the 313th Battalion, the only ASA airborne unit. Her arrival at Ft. Bragg caused quite a commotion. When Cheryl reported to the in-processing center, the clerk looked at her, looked at her records,

dialled the phone and said to the party on the other end, "Guess what! They sent us a WAC!"

Cheryl says that her arrival at Ft. Bragg probably disrupted the life-style of every man in the headquarters in some fashion. But now, "I feel like a queen. They don't quite know what to do with me here. Being the only girl, I get pampered. They all treat me like a little sister and I pretty much get whatever I want."

Specialist Bell is married and lives off post with her husband, a member of special forces at Ft. Bragg. "He is rather proud of me and enjoys the attention I receive," she declared.

Many unusual and funny things have happened to this WAC. One of the most intriguing was listening to a noncommissioned officer tell her how the 313th so cleverly stopped another WAC from coming to Ft. Bragg. Thinking that she may have known the girl, Cheryl asked for her name. He replied, "Johnson. Yes, Cheryl Johnson was her name." Cheryl knew her alright—Cheryl Johnson was her maiden name! The 313th turned down Cheryl Johnson but accepted Cheryl Bell. (If only they had known).

Asked if being the only WAC has

disadvantages, she sighed, "I do get homesick for the presence of another girl once in awhile. I just want another female who understands, to talk to, but the guys are usually pretty understanding." A little like being a pioneer woman? Maybe.

At several posts, the "pioneer woman" is no longer the WAC situation. The novelty of the WAC has worn off and a WAC finds herself as "an ASA WAC among ASA WACs." (In the year and a half since WACs have been allowed to enlist for the Agency, over 900 girls have signed up.)

WACs want to be treated on the basis of their own individuality and not judged simply on their sex. Staff Sergeant Leslie C. Coppinger, a male supervisor of nine WACs at Arlington Hall Station, VA, says WACs are very efficient and reliable on the job. They don't ask for any special treatment and they don't receive any. From the supervisor viewpoint, WACs aren't much different from guys."

Although the WAC usually works for a male supervisor, it is comparatively rare for the WAC to have a male unit commander. In Augsburg, Germany, however, due to the unavailability of a WAC officer, the ASA



Life at TC&S isn't always centered around books and tests. WACs enjoy Christmas with some fellow students while others take advantage of some free shopping time. PV2 Maura Sanders, (r-l) SP4 Minnie Green and PV2 Brenda Hand shop in the PX. At VHFS, WAC Company Commander, CPT Charlotte Chochard explains data from a chart.

WACs do have a male commander. In July, 24 WACs will arrive at Sinop, Turkey, where they will be greeted by their male unit commander. Again, another unique situation for the ASA WAC—WAC living under the direction of a male commander. This is certainly an unusual situation for the commander, too!

Wherever Agency WACs travel, they must deal with fundamental necessities, such as living arrangements. Specialist 5 Marcia Bungardner of Arlington Hall Station, who has been stationed on several posts, both within and outside the Agency, says, "Living conditions for ASA WACs both in Hawaii (where she had a room to herself) and in Washington, DC (where she has one roommate), are very modern. I found pleasant surroundings and good companionship at both posts."

From Augsburg, Specialist 4 Julia A. Sarafolicean writes, "living accommodations couldn't be better here. However, the WACs do have details every

night, as well as a thorough room inspection every day."

Women in the armed services are proof that an all-volunteer force can work. The December Hallmark reported on two girls, PFC Patricia Jackson and SP4 Diane Jones, who are the ASA's first WAC Communications Security Specialists and are stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. They are now supporting exercise Gallant Hand and will be taking it tough (just like the guys), living on the mountain, playing war games and providing COMSEC advice and assistance. Maybe it will bring back tomboy memories from a few years back.

Opportunities for advancement and a challenging job exist in the Army Security Agency for enlisted women and officers. Captain Helen Chang, ASA's WAC advisor who works for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, emphasizes the wide range of activities in which an officer involves herself. "One mission of a WAC of-



PVT Lauretta Johnson takes a quick break from her duties at TC&S, Ft. Devens, Mass.

ficer is to train the enlisted women—this involves jobs as instructors, company commanders and counselors." But the work of an ASA WAC officer is beginning to broaden into the fields held by ASA male officers. Captain Mary K. Van Tilburg is an example. She has attended the Basic Officers Course at the USASATC&S, Ft. Devens, MA, and will work in the Operations Center in Augsburg.

WACs, in any of these possible situations serving throughout the world, share a concern with their sister WACs over femininity. Many uniform changes have recently been initiated to keep the WAC up to date with current fashion.

WACs are now authorized optional black accessories, to include umbrellas, berets, patent leather pumps, clutch purses and raincoats. Other optional items include white blouses, scarves and gloves. Although these items are now authorized, supply is not currently meeting the demand, a situation which should be corrected in the near future.

Is the Army changing? Are Agency WACs a new breed?

If the present is any prediction of the future, it looks as though these girls will make the military idea of equality really work.



CPT Charlotte Cochard and her husband, CPT Gary Cochard, are both company commanders at Vint Hill Farms Station, VA.



They joined up for the duration in 1942.



They learned to soldier.



Checking enemy raiders was one of many WAC jobs.

## A Photo Profile from WAAC to WAC in WW II



Mrs. FDR and Oveta C. Hobby, first WAC Director confer.

They landed in England in 1943.



They joined regular Army 1943.



# Women From Our Military Past

**D**uring the period of the Indian Wars, although there are no instances recorded of women serving in the ranks, wives of enlisted men and officers often shared the same hardships and dangers of the campaigns as their men. Most famous, perhaps, was Mrs. George Armstrong Custer who in her writings immortalized the gallant men and women of that period.

After contract nurses proved their worth in the Spanish-American War, Congress recognized the invaluable role of women by creating the Army Nurse Corps in the Medical Department of the Army in 1901. However, members of the corps did not receive military rank, officer status, equal pay or benefits until 1944.

## World War II

Despite success of women service units in other allied armies during World War I, the U.S. Army did not form a Women's Corps. When the American Expeditionary Forces experienced a shortage of clerical and communications workers, General Pershing asked that telephone operators who spoke French be sent to France.

After training, the first unit of 33 operators embarked from New York on 6 March 1918. In all, 233 women went to France in six operating units. They were assigned mostly to the headquarters where traffic was most heavy. One detachment serving with the First Army was the only women's unit that saw service during active

operations. Generally, use of women operators was considered a decided success.

Many more women served in the Navy during World War I. In 1917, more than 11,000 women volunteers were enlisted as Navy Yeomanettes and several hundred by the Marine Corps as Marinettes. Assigned primarily to clerical duties, they were honorably discharged at war's end.

World War II marked the greatest contribution by women to the army in an official capacity when approximately 150,000 WAC members served in all areas of the world.

The Armed Service Forces and the various army Technical Services offered a wide variety of jobs for women. Approximately 100,000 WACs were assigned to the service commands and the Military District of Washington, serving in post headquarters companies or as cadre at the WAC Training Centers. Nearly all of the Technical Services utilized WACs, both officer and enlisted.

Approximately 40,000 WACs were assigned to the Army Air Forces, where they served in almost every noncombat job. The AAF was the first major command to admit enlisted women to all men's noncombat schools and to integrate them into its grade system, and to permit the wearing of its own insignia by members of the Corps.

Since Army Ground Forces units were mainly combat and tactical, only some 2,000 WACs were assigned to this major command.

More than 650 members of the WAC were decorated for meritorious service and personal heroism during the Second World War, and many WAC units received the Meritorious Unit Citation.

## Legislation is finally passed

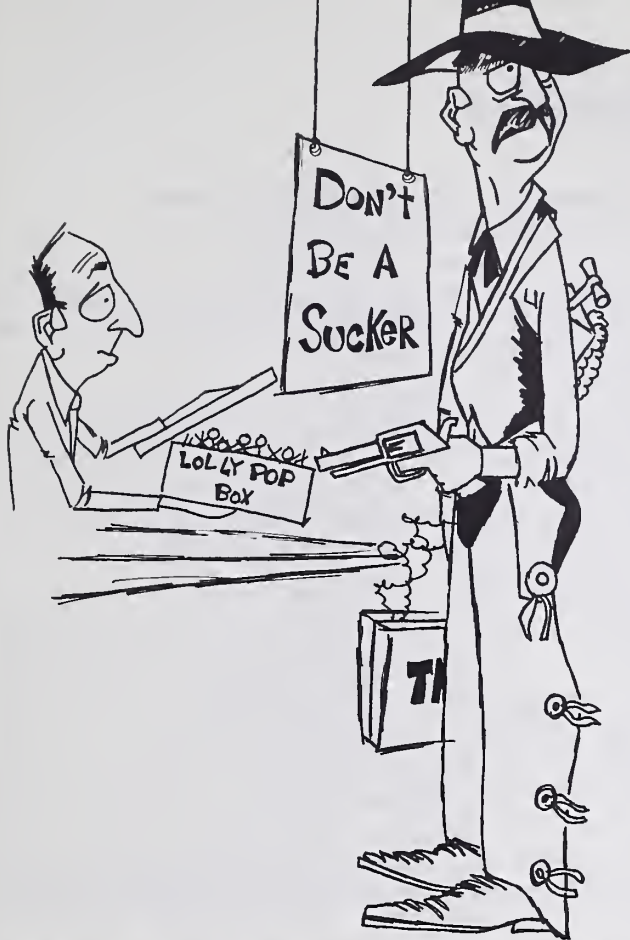
In 1942, legislation was sponsored by the late Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, authorizing the establishment of a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) "for the purpose of making available to the national defense knowledge, skill and special training of the women of the nation." Approved by Congress on the same day, it was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on the next day.

In January 1943, legislation was introduced to make the WAAC a component of Army of the United States, thus simplifying organization and improving efficiency and morale.

As a consequence, in September 1943 the WAAC was renamed WAC. All women who served in the WAAC and joined the Women's Army Corps received the Women's Corps Service medal.

The new law established the Women's Army Corps as a component of the Army of the United States for the duration of the war and for six months thereafter or for such shorter period as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation should prescribe.

# Formed The Beginning of Today's Volunteer Army



# The Games Con Men Play

by Peter T. Lomenzo

are worth a lot of money. But he's offering them at a "steal" because "the jewels are hot." The rub is that these jewels are cheap to begin with and bought legitimately by the con man on a quantity basis from a warehouse.

The traveler can get hooked no matter where he goes or how he travels. In the airport the clientele is a bit more sophisticated.

A serviceman's benefits to travel at reduced rates are great but sometimes standby status can leave a man standing by when the plane takes off.

What happens is that a con man, claiming to be "just a patriotic American," contacts the soldier who is waiting in the busy lobby of the airport terminal. After talking for a while the soldier admits he is worried about making the flight.

Thereupon our "patriotic American," says, "Look, why don't you sell your standby ticket? Then give me the money. I'll buy a reserved seat. You soldiers got such a raw deal over Vietnam that I'll make up the difference in the cost of the tickets." So the soldier sells the ticket, gives the man his money and that is the last time he sees the "patriotic American."

Patriotism is used against the soldier in other ways. Many women, who claim to be wives of soldiers either killed in combat or POWs, walk the streets soliciting money for a noble cause. These people, known as "dingers" by Kelly, may give the soldier a red, white and blue tie for his money. But his contribution goes right into her pocket and that's it.

Of course there is nothing like winning a few games of poker to improve morale. The only problem is that once a soldier has demonstrated that he is carrying a lot of money the con man will try a little "flim-flam."

Here, Kelly related, the con man manages to convince the soldier to hold on to all the money for safekeeping while the con artist goes to bring back more players.

The con man wraps the money in one handkerchief to show the soldier how to hide the money in his shirt. He then switches the real money with play money and gives it to the unsuspecting soldier. The con man leaves and promises to return to get his money. Several hours later, when the con artist doesn't return, the soldier takes out the money and discovers his folly.

"The con game will continue forever," said Detective Kelly. He added that a soldier carrying extra money on a trip is just asking for trouble. The detective urged any soldier who gets taken to tell the police—they have resources to catch the con man.

**D**espite these being days of enlightenment, soldiers are still prey to the con man's game.

That was the word from Detective John Kelly of the Philadelphia, Pa., police department, to members of the Central Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board when they met in the City of Brotherly Love.

In his talk to the board members, Kelly said many con artists victimize soldiers traveling through Philadelphia en route to installations like Ft. Dix and Monmouth. He noted that tricks pulled on the modern soldier are no different than what went on in the days of Charlemagne.

Kelly described several ploys that are used mostly on young troops who may be traveling alone and away from home for the first time.

One classic example is using a phony locker. It goes something like this.

When a soldier enters a busy bus terminal, he may find that he'll have a layover of several hours before his bus departs. Standing guard over his baggage is a dull idea.

About this time, a friendly gentleman appears offering him something to do for a few hours. The hustler already has a key to a locker which he had obtained earlier. As the soldier put his bags in the new locker, the con man locks the bags in and gives the soldier the key to his empty locker. Returning later, the soldier finds not only a different locker but an empty one.

The something for nothing lure is another successful operation. Out on the streets, the young soldier is approached by a man who has some "hot jewels" to sell. The transaction can't be made on a public street. So in a private corner, the con man tells his victim that these "jewels"

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# Anti-Apathy

All of the events you are about to read are true. The names and places have not been changed.

The guilty should be recognized.



SP4 Charlie Lieb, (r), and one of the students at the Fuller School learn to become proficient painters.

While the general public seems to be complaining about apathetic attitudes, some ASA men at Ft. Bragg are doing something about it.

First Lieutenant Robert R. Krause and his 358th Signal Collection and Jamming Platoon, have been spending their spare time helping out at a local school. Lt. Krause and seven men from his platoon visited Fuller School for Exceptional Children, Fayetteville, NC, and helped freshen up the ins and outs of the school.

Fuller School is a special school for the mentally handicapped child. The IQs of its 52 children range from 30 to 50, but the children can still be trained to lead useful lives.

Twenty-five percent of the children, whose ages range from 6-18, are mili-

tary dependents. The remaining enrollees are from area low-income families.

The 23 year old school is run by the Fayetteville City Board of Education and the United Fund. Because of its small size, Fuller has to wait in line for routine maintenance and repairs. Big schools come first.

The ASA handymen really helped out and even some of the students joined in the project. Mrs. Martha Colvin, head teacher at Fuller, said, "I personally appreciate the work these troopers are doing and so do the children. Some of our students don't have the mental capability to realize what these men are doing, but many of the older ones do and that's why you see them trying so hard to help."

## Leaving Uniform Soon? Don't Forget That . . . You've Got A Friend

You're determined to leave the service when your hitch is up? Don't worry, this isn't a pitch to keep you in uniform (as sound as the idea may be in these hard times). On the contrary, your Federal Government has some information that may help you over some rough times, once you hit civvy street. It's called Unemployment Insurance for Ex-Servicemen.

**The purpose** of the program is to provide a weekly income for a limited period of time to ex-servicemen who qualify, to help them meet basic needs while searching for employment.

**Benefits are paid** by the States, through more than 2,400 State employment service and unemployment insurance claims offices, from funds provided by the Federal Government. No payroll deductions are made for unemployment insurance protection. Claims may be filed in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**To file a claim** go to the nearest State employment service office or unemployment insurance claims office. Register for work. If a suitable job is not available, apply for UI benefits. You will need your separation form DD-214 and your social security card. Benefit rights are determined under the law of the State where you first file your claim after separation from the military service.

**Federal law requires** that you have had continuous active military service for at least 90 days (fewer, if separated because of a service-incurred injury or disability); were separated under conditions other than dishonorable; did not receive a bad conduct discharge; or, if an officer, did not resign for the good of the service.

**All state laws require** that you have qualifying earnings during a past period specified by the law; register for work, file a claim, report regularly as directed; and are able to work and available for work.

**The weekly benefit** amount and the number of weeks benefits may be paid are determined by State law based on your pay grade and allowances when separated from active military service. Some States increase the weekly amount by allowances for dependents. Most States pay a maximum of 26 weeks. When unemployment is high and you have received all of the regular benefits to which you are entitled, you may become eligible for up to 13 additional weeks of extended benefits.

**For more information**, contact any local office of your State employment service; or write directly to Manpower Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

# GIVE ME THE CASH! YOU KEEP THE BENEFITS!

by SMSgt. KERRY VOLKER



*This article is reprinted from USAF's Airman magazine, but the story could have been written about a soldier, sailor or Marine. So read it for laughs . . . or to learn something important to you. It's all here.*

Once upon a time there was a sergeant named John Bright. John had just attended a career motivation briefing by the base career advisor.

After the briefing, John got a pamphlet from his base career advisor about fringe benefits and hidden pay. According to the pamphlet, a large chunk of John's monthly pay check was available to him through these fringe benefits. Now John was suffering from a financial virus known as the "shorts" and this news gave him a brilliant idea. He rushed down to the Base Career Information and Counseling Office.

"Look," he said to the base career advisor, "we're one big happy family in the Air Force, right?"

"Right!" the advisor beamed.

"You like to see me happy, huh?"

"The happier you are, John, the happier we are."

"Well," said John, "would you like to see me really happy?"

"You name it!" the advisor said.

"Okay," John said, "you see this pamphlet? Well, according to it, the Air Force is giving me fringe benefits that amount to over \$200 a month. If you want to make me really happy, let's convert that to cash. You give

me the \$200 a month and you keep the benefits."

The career advisor almost wept.

"But John," he said, "you won't be happy without these benefits."

"Look, for \$200 a month extra, I can enjoy being miserable!"

"But, John, fringe benefits are worth a lot more than the money involved. They give you everyday peace of mind."

"With \$200 extra a month," John leered, "I'll have peace of mind. So will my creditors."

"But, John, you'll be losing money. You don't realize how many benefits



you're getting."

"And you don't realize how many benefits I can do without."

"John, do you really want this?"

"Look," John replied, "when you talk benefits, I don't get the message. When you talk money, I read you loud and clear."

"OK," the advisor sighed, "it's a deal then."

"Heed not the rumble of a distant drum. Gimme that cash and let them benefits go."

So John went home that night to his little house a very happy man. That extra \$200 in his pocket gave him a sense of security he had never known before.

"Give the chuck roast to the dog," he told his wife. "We're eating steak, I got a \$200 a month raise today."

His wife was really impressed until she heard how he had done it.

"You think that was smart?" she asked him.

"Certainly it was smart! What benefits can they give me that will be worth \$200 a month? You sound like the base career advisor."

So the next morning, with a light heart and head to match, John got in his car and headed for work. He noticed he was low on gas so he decided to stop and get some.

Everything went fine until he turned into the base gas station.

There blocking his way, was the base career advisor.

"John, my lad," he said. "I'm sorry but you'll have to get your gas somewhere else. The on-base station, with its savings over stations on the economy, is one of those benefits you gave up yesterday."

"Now wait a cotton-pickin' minute," John said.

"No, John, the Air Force can't give you this saving because it is one of the benefits you gave up."

By midmorning John had dismissed the gas incident from his mind and was up tight with plans for spending his new wealth when he encountered another problem.

John always had his coffee break at the flight line snack bar. But, this morning, as he arrived at the snack bar, there was the base career advisor with a sad smile, shaking his head as he said, 'Sorry, John, I can't let you use the snack bar. You see, that's another one of those benefits, though it's mostly one of convenience. Yet, it's available only to those who are eligible.'

John was astounded. "A cup of coffee is a benefit?"

"If you don't think so, try the greasy spoon off base. You'll find our snack bar a little less costly."

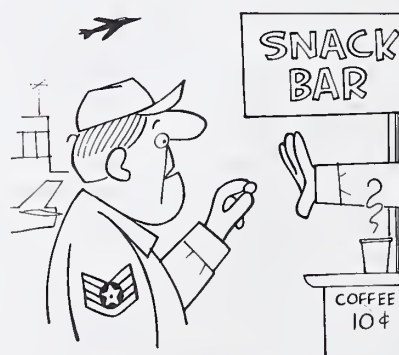
So John went back to his car, thinking that the gas he would use driving off base to the coffee shop would really jack the price of coffee up. Oh well, a guy needs coffee.

John decided that as long as he had to go off base for his coffee break, he might as well have his lunch. By now, he rather suspected that the base career advisor would be haunting the mess hall come noontime, anyway.

Being weak of mind and strong of stomach, John finally got through his lunch and headed back, a little lighter in the wallet. He remembered that his wife asked him to stop at the commissary, so he decided to do that on his way to the flight line.

He was indeed startled to find the base career advisor blocking his way into the commissary parking lot.

"Might as well keep going, John. The commissary is one of the bigger benefits you gave up yesterday. We offer at least 25 percent savings to military members in our commissary



"A cup of coffee is a benefit?"

## "Take back your \$200 and give me back my benefits."

because we do not have the overhead or the need to make a profit that an independent business has. So the savings go to the members.

"I'm sorry, John," the advisor continued, "but you'll find that the \$100 a month you used to spend in the commissary for food will not hack it off base. It will cost you at least \$125 for the same food items in civilian stores."

"You're kidding," John replied.

"No, John, I'm not. Same thing in the BX. How much do you spend there a month?"

"About \$25 for the necessities. You know, toilet items, clothing and so forth. Why?"

Well, John, I hate to give you more bad news, but the same things will cost you at least \$32 off base."

John drove off, a bit confused. He just had to have done the right thing in selling his benefits.

John continued to ponder as he headed for the flight line. Could prices really be that much higher off the base?

When he got back to his office there was a note to call his wife.

"John," his wife said, "Junior stuck a pea up his nose and it has worked its way into his head. He's in the hospital."

"In the hospital!" John gasped.

"Yes," said his wife, "and he must have a private room. It is costing us \$55 a day."

"Fifty-five dollars a day!" John gasped again. "Where did you take him, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel? Thought you said 'hospital.' Didn't you take him to the base?"

"I tried," said his wife, "but the orderly said something about my ID card didn't have the right notation."

"Well thank the Lord we have Medicare!" John wheezed.

"I'm not sure we have," replied his wife. With that John raced down to the Base Career Information and Counseling Office.

"My boy's in the hospital with a pea in his head. Was medical care one of the benefits you took away?"

"I had to, John," the advisor sighed. "It's too bad. You should have taken out some insurance to protect your family. Would have cost you about \$25 a month for coverage."

"You mean I shucked all that protection when I cashed in my benefits?" asked John.

"That's about it."

"I ought to be shot!" John said.

"You can't afford it," the career advisor said. "We had to cut off your life insurance and survivor benefits coverage. You had free coverage equal to a \$50,000 policy. That alone will cost you at least \$65 a month."

John looked as if he were going to cry. "I need a good long rest," he said.

"You can't afford that, either," the advisor said. "Thirty days' vacation with pay each year is another benefit you gave up."

"Then I think I'll retire," John whimpered.

"Uh, uh! That was another item you lost when you cashed in your benefits. Don't you remember what it said in the pamphlet, John? To equal Air Force retirement benefits of a 38-year-old tech sergeant with 20

years' service, you would have to take out a retirement-type insurance policy at age 18 and pay into it \$220 a month for 20 years. You would then realize a return of \$225 a month at age 38 for life. In fact, a tech sergeant will draw more than that. At the 20-year point, his retirement check will be \$287 a month. You know, John, it is fantastic when you figure it up and find that a senior master sergeant who retired at 38, after 20 years' active service, will draw \$100,000 before he reaches the normal civilian retirement age of 65."

"Well, I know what I can do!"

John said grimly. "I can punch you right in the mouth. You let me think that those benefits amounted to only about \$200 a month, now I find out it will cost me twice that much to duplicate them."

With that, John hauled off and took a swing at the advisor. Being fast on his feet, he evaded John's blow. John's fist, however, traveled past its intended victim and went through the window. And he hit his head on the window, chipping a tooth.

"Well, don't just stand there," John snarled, putting a bleeding hand to



"Might as well keep going, John."

# ASA is Out For Blood . . . Yours



Analysis of blood is an integral part of ASA's Blood Donor Program. Doctor William Cooney, Marilyn Caputo and Jim Lethbridge examine blood at Ft. Devens, MA.



It's a good thing for Arlington Hall Station that PFC Gary Smart doesn't always lie down on the job—he was one of 29 MPs who recently donated a pint of blood.

**“W**hat's your total donation now?” “12.” “12? Pints?” “No, gallons.” “Wow!” “Any pretty girls in there?” “Sure.”

This could be a typical conversation about one of ASA's current projects—the Blood Campaign. The Army Security Agency is out for blood!

Many Agency members regularly contribute blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile which visits ASA posts frequently.

The benefits of the Bloodmobile program are well worth the small amount of time and effort of giving a pint of blood five times a year. Aside from the obvious benefits to local communities and hospitals, all base personnel are covered under this Red Cross program. This coverage includes blood availability not only for the military person, but also for his de-

pendents and next of kin throughout CONUS.

The Red Cross program is in your best interest as a donor. Extra protection for the donor is routine procedure for the Red Cross and all prospective donors are examined with regard to anemia, hepatitis, cancer and malaria. Prior to the donation, the donor has a medical history taken, and has blood pressure, body temperature and pulse rate checked.

Several ASA stations have participated actively for several years in blood campaigns. Volunteers at the Ft. Devens, MA, Training Center and School, successfully meet a weekly assigned quota of 25 to 30 donors. The average donor at the Ft. Devens School is between 18 and 19 years old and on his or her first tour of duty in the military.

At Arlington Hall Station, which has participated in the program for the last 12 years, the average Bloodmobile bi-monthly visit yields 165 pints of blood. Civilian personnel contribute 70 percent of the donations with military contributing 30 percent. This situation has developed because military members who have been stationed in Southeast Asia are not allowed to donate blood for a period of three years. Again, this practice is a safety factor for the benefit of both the donor and the recipient. The Military Police Company has been a big influence in keeping the military percentage high, with 29 out of a possible 36 members donating blood in a recent campaign.

Volunteers to maintain booths and improve public information about the Red Cross program and bloodmobile are also needed. Several members of the ASA unit at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, TX, sponsored a Blood Services Unit exhibit at the 40th Annual San Angelo Stock show and Rodeo recently. During the five-day event, 1,240 persons had their blood typed and approximately 200 blood donor pledges were received.

So, whether you visit the Bloodmobile to increase your donation toward that 12 gallon goal or if your reason leans more toward the pretty nurse in there, the important thing is that you get there! Whatever the drawing card, donating blood is a great morale booster. So “drip” in to your nearest Bloodmobile. They will be glad to have your interest and your blood.



“Gladly,” the Career Advisor beamed. “We know you’re one man who’ll really appreciate benefits.”

his aching jaw. “Get me some first aid and take me to the Dental Clinic.”

The career advisor sighed. “They went out with your medical benefits, John.”

“Well, at least you can sympathize with me,” John cried.

“That’s a benefit, too, John. The Air Force spends many dollars a year on recreation and other programs to improve troop morale.”

“Well, can I make a suggestion?”

“Yes, but you won’t get paid for it. That’s another benefit. We paid out hundreds of dollars for worthwhile suggestions last year.”

“But all I want to suggest” John said, “is this. Take back your \$200 and give me back my benefits.”



#### Wanna Drag?

**408th ASA Det (Inf Bde), Canal Zone**—Specialists 5 William Arnold, Don Lindke and Monte Ring are making their presence felt in the Isthmus Drag Racing Association.

They've collected almost \$100 in prize money and an armful of trophies racing Lindke's souped-up Dodge Charger, in late 1972.

They hold the Panama record in I Stock over the one-eighth mile course. They also won the Jr. Stock Eliminator Competition in Dec. '72 and Jan. '73 and the Top Stock Eliminator in Feb. '73.

In Panama, weighing devices are scarce. The Stock class is based on a horsepower-to-wheelbase ratio. Eliminators are divided into three classes, Altered, Modified and Stock, with the Altered allowing the most radical deviation from the factory product and Stock, the least deviation.

The 408th men have all the characteristics of a well-oiled pro drag team. Arnold does all the driving and most of the strategic planning, Lindke provides the auto and finances needed equipment and parts, while Ring does most of the leg work.

The '72 Charger is factory equipped with a 440 magnum engine with Torque Flight automatic transmission. Additionally, an electric fuel pump, a shift kit in the transmission, glass pack mufflers and a tachometer have been installed. The men, Lindke and Arnold, are equipped with three years of mechanical engineering at college level, and Ring is the unit's mechanic.

When asked about racing with an automatic transmission, Arnold replied, "Contrary to popular belief, I feel the automatic transmission has an advantage over the standard transmission in the short races. Primarily because of ease in controlling wheel spin and no chance of miss shifting."

#### Super Brigade

**Ft. Devens, MA**—The USASA School Brigade seems to have a monopoly on the Ft. Devens Commanding General's Athletic trophies. The sports program



SP5 Don Lindke (left) and SP5 William Arnold display the trophies won during the Isthmus Drag Racing Association competition. (Photo by CPT Cassin Y. Stacy)

at Ft. Devens consists of both Company and Battalion level competition and at the end of each calendar year an annual award is presented to the Company and Battalion on post that amass the most points throughout the year in various sports. At Company level, nine Brigade teams compete among themselves and with company teams from the USAG Ft. Devens, 10th SF Group, 39th Engineer Battalion, and the 100th S&S Battalion in basketball, volleyball, softball, bowling and flag football. The Support Battalion, 1st Battalion and the 2d Battalion represent ASA in Battalion level competition which includes wrestling, baseball, team handball, track and field, tennis and golf.

The ASA Brigade has a long history of winning the Annual Commanding Generals' Trophies: Support Battalion won the Battalion level award in '69 '70, and '71. Headquarters Company, Support Battalion took the Company level award in '68, '69, and '70. They relinquished the award to Operations Company, Support Battalion in 1971.

This year was a repeat of 1971. Representatives of the Company and Battalion teams that were responsible for continued ASA dominance in sports at Ft. Devens attended the ceremony.

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#### Thailand Hat Trick

**7th RRFs, Ramasun Station**—The Cobras are running wild in the Thailand Sports circuit. They recently captured the USARSUPTHAI all-Thailand Championships in basketball, football, and volleyball in Thailand's biggest trophy sweep in recent years.

The All-Thailand Basketball honors were clinched in tough competition at Camp Samae San, home of the US ARSUPTHAI. Ramasun grabbed the All-Thailand honors by whipping Bangkok's JUSMAG/MAC Thai team 85-72 in the final game.

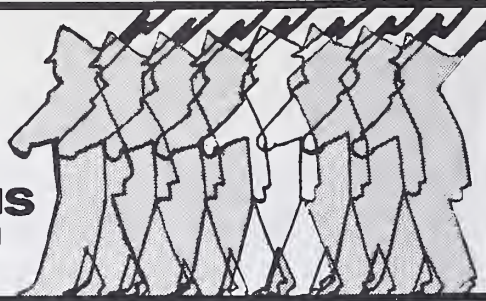
The football Cobras grabbed the All-Thailand Football title for the fourth consecutive year by whipping Samae San, Bangkok, and Lopburi Special Forces in the most outstanding exhibition of team spirit and well drilled football seen in Thailand in recent years.

The third star for Ramasun's crown came as the 7th's Volleyball Team whipped rivals Bangkok and Samae San nine straight games behind the smashing net play of Johnny Malaspina and big Jim Smith.

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# Missed

## PERSONS BUREAU



The Missed Persons column is usually slanted toward the retired "missed persons". But, since some of our recent retirees are keeping a closed mouth on their whereabouts, we have more space for word on some of our short timers.

SP5 **Bob Norwood** has gone home to Chicago to work in Standard Oil's

computer operations. It's doubtful that he'll stay there for long, for surely Bob's waiting for the opportunity to do what he likes most—by joining Jacques Cousteau and the rest of the Calypso crew.

Headquarters main zerox man—PFC **Allen Robertson** still isn't too far out. His Army buddies will be pleased to know that he stayed in the Wash-

ington area. Robby is out in the great outdoors on a construction project.

And one of headquarters EXPERT's has recently left his piles of data sheets with hopes of finding something new and different. SP4 **David Davis** has headed to the sunshine state looking for a construction job hoping to make lots of money and have lots of good times.

1LT **Robert Arnett** may soon be somewhat of an expert himself. He's a doctoral candidate at Ohio State University and is also a teacher's assistant there.

We did hear from one recent retiree—he's SSG **Nelson Moore** from Rockhill Furnace, PA. His current interest is, like other retirees, the outdoor life. Do the fish bite in Rockhill Furnace?

## Science & Medicine

### Aging: Studied

Now the mind and body age is being studied by VA physicians so that they can predict who is likely to develop certain diseases and advise when preventive measures should be taken.

### Avoiding Colds

For those people worried about catching colds (again) this season, the Health Insurance Institute provides the following medically acceptable information:

Right now you are probably covered from head to foot with cold viruses, especially in your nose, mouth and throat.

But don't worry. They will not necessarily make you ill. Your body, you see, has learned to live with them.

**They may make you ill if you let yourself get run down, eat improperly, not get enough rest.**

That's when these viruses overcome your natural resistance to them.

That's when your disease fighters—a protein in the blood called gamma globulin, certain white blood cells,

and specialized cells in the tissues themselves—are not enough.

And that's why, after years of notions, lotions, potions, trial and error, many physicians today agree on this simplistic cold technique: the best way to avoid colds is not to let yourself get run down.

**If you do**, chances are you'll get a cold. And when you do, you may as well resign yourself to living through it. And though it will ordinarily last about two weeks, there is little you can do about it.

For instance, aspirins will only provide symptomatic relief. An antihistamine may provide a little help—but only if your sinuses are blocked.

As for "cold shots," practically, they do not exist. Several years ago a few cold vaccines were on the market. They proved ineffectual and are scarcely used today.

**Then there** are the antibiotics. They proved ineffectual and are scarcely used today. According to authorities, they don't kill viruses and won't cure either a cold or the flu.

Still they are sometimes prescribed to treat complications such as an infected ear, sinus or throat, which are

caused by bacteria. And antibiotics will kill bacteria.

Sometimes, too, a doctor will prescribe penicillin in response to the pressure placed upon him by his patient. Though it will not cure the cold, it often eases the mind.

All this, however, does not mean that if you think you have a cold you should not see your doctor.

**The reason** for this, says the Institute, is that you may only think you have a cold but instead have something treatable.

You may, for example, be suffering from allergies or from an infection, both of which may cause runny noses, watery eyes, sore throats, coughs and achy muscles.

But if you are sure you have a common run-of-the-mill cold and would like to do something for it, here are a number of medically recommended precautions suggested by the Institute:

- Go directly to bed. Stay there.
- Try a hot lemonade for your throat.
- Drink lots of fluids.
- Keep dry and warm.
- Hope for the best.

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## What If the CO Wears a Skirt?

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*The Army is doing good job recruiting capable men and women into the officer corps. This essay speculates on what may happen as women assume their multifaceted role.*

Some day soon, footsteps are going to echo down the hall of some company in some Armor battalion. A captain will swing into the orderly room and the XO and first sergeant will stand. As they stare in dazed amazement, a pair of pretty red lips will announce, "Hello. I'm Captain Elizabeth (Libby) Ration, your new company commander." Reality shock!

During a recent visit to Ft. Knox, Director of the Women's Army Corps, Brigadier General Mildred G. Bailey, discussed the future role of women in the Army. She saw the opportunities as unlimited. Regarding acceptance of women in the new military roles, she felt that there was some reluctance but that soon everyone would come around.

Present regulations permit women to hold almost any position as long as it is not in combat unit. But Congress is quietly mulling over the question of dropping that restriction. The House Armed Services Committee will soon inquire more deeply into the future role of women in the services. Key to more changes could be the Equal Rights Amendment for women and the Navy's experiments with women on ships and in planes.

If the Amendment is ratified—and it currently looks questionable—the Defense Department would most likely have to treat women in the military services the same as men. This would open the door to drafting women (if ever necessary) and assigning them to combat units. Many question the Amendment, claiming that it takes away from women more than it provides.

However, based on these facts, it is quite possible that women may soon be not just MP's, pilots and drill sergeants, but also combat commanders, radio women, turret mechanics and tank drivers. Regardless of how that may strike you, give it some serious thought. Is our society or culture ready for a change like that?

Here are some other points to ponder. What would the

reaction or feeling be like in an all male unit with a female commander? Is the average soldier prepared to be chewed out, disciplined or pushed to his limit by a female (all you husbands quiet down)? How will the female CO be affected by her family role as mother/wife? Pregnancy effects? Can a women gain the soldier's respect by example, i.e. do PT with them, play sports, be in the field, expect no more from them than she can do herself? Can a female CO listen to and give advice to men on personal problems? Will men take personal problems to a female? Can a female go drinking with "the boys" on boss night?

These are but a few of the complex questions that arise when you talk about women in combat units or as commanders of any unit. The attitude of many men seems to be laugh it off, give lip service only, ignore it and it will go away. But it's time to face the reality of the situation, Are all ramifications being studied and considered?

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. As we learned in civil rights, you can pass laws but you can't legislate the way a person thinks. A woman can be given a command, but all the ARs can't force an alien situation to be accepted by the Unit's personnel.

If women are to be totally equal, all aspects of the concept as it applies to the military, better be well studied. In the balance hangs no pride, glory or principle, but the nation's defense. Equal pay for equal work, fair treatment, etc. is fine, but a far cry from commanding combat soldiers.

All due respect is given to the capabilities of today's women. But is it necessary to be in all areas just for the sake of being there? How would a male commander in a WAC unit go? The entire subject is a topic for deep, intelligent, serious study and discussion.

Besides, how does one go about asking one's platoon sergeant or turret mechanic for a date?

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